

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/708,609 Confirmation No. 2608  
Applicant : Ashby Sr., Rusty Stewart  
Filed : March 15, 2004  
TC/A.U. : 3654  
Examiner : Okezie, Esther O.  
Docket No. : 018300-001681  
Customer No. : 24,239  
For : Lifting Apparatus

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Payment of the excess claim fee is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. 13-4365.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.